(d) Agricultural education being a State subject, establishment of academic institutions falls within the pruview of the concerned State Governments.

Upliftment of rural children and women through KVIC

1209 SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission has prepared any scheme to set up small industries for rural women alongwith creation of market for their products with the involvement of Ministry of Women and Child Development so as to improve upon the social and economic conditions of rural children and women living below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the status of this scheme, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries) has been implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), a credit-linked subsidy programme, through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), throughout the country, to provide employment opportunities by assisting individual entrepreneurs/ self help groups, including women, in rural areas and small towns with population upto 20,000. Under REGP, women entrepreneurs are entitled to a higher rate of margin money assistance at the rate of 30 per cent as compared to 25 per cent for the male entrepreneurs in the general category. Convergence has been established by KVIC with Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD). Financial assistance is also provided under REGP for various backward forward linkages such as Entrepreneurship Development Programme, marketing, organising awareness camps, etc. KVIC has also entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the MWCD, for the benefit of women entrepreneurs under REGP. As per MoU, KVIC and MWCD have agreed to work together for generating employment opportunities for rural women, through REGP and also marketing their products. In addition, KVIC has also established convergence with various other organisations such as Army Wives Welfare Association, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathana and Confederation of Indian

Industries, for the benefit of women entrepreneurs, particularly in the creation of market avenues under REGP.

(c) In order to generate awareness among the rural women entrepreneurs, about the scheme and their opportunities, KVIC in association with MWCD has organised workshops at some places.

The details of village industry units set up by women entrepreneurs under the REGP during 2003-04,2004-05 and 2005-06 are as under:

Year	Total number of units set up	Number of units set up by women entrepreneurs	Percentage of units set up by women entrepreneurs
2003-04	24,747	5,724	23.13
2004-05	23,453	6,229	26.56
2005-06	26,650	7,949	29.83

Loans under PMRY in Andhra Pradesh

1210. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loans provided by nationalized banks and private banks under PMRY in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target in this regard for distributing the loans under PMRY;

(c) whether the targets have been achieved by the above banks; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The details of the loans provided by nationalized and private banks under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and targets fixed for Andhra Pradesh as reported by RBI, are given in Statement (see below).

(c) Overall loans were disbursed in 61439 cases *vis-a-vis* 'plan target of 60667 cases under PMRY during 2003-04 to 2005-06.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c)